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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08009.0006



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yasuo Ojima et al.) Group Art Unit: 1742
Application No.: 09/933,721)
Filed: August 22, 2001)
For: METHOD OF SMELTING)
COPPER SULFIDE)
CONCENTRATE)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 12, 2002. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$920.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	10	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep.	2	-	3	0	x \$ 84	0.00
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					Subtotal	\$ 0.00
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	-
					TOTAL	\$ 0.00

A fee of \$____ to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
 A fee of \$____ to cover ____ is enclosed.
 A check for \$920.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: February 11, 2003

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, and 6-10, as follows:

1. A method of smelting copper sulfide concentrate comprising:

oxygen-smelting the copper sulfide concentrate using a concentrate burner located above a melt;

removing most of Fe in the copper sulfide concentrate into slag;

removing at least a portion of S in the copper sulfide concentrate as SO₂; and

obtaining copper from copper sulfide concentrate as at least one of white metal, nearly white matte, and blister copper;

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